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METHOD OF IMPROVING COPPER PAD ADHESION

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the final office action dated December 04, 2002, Paper No. 8. Please amend the above identified Divisional Application for patent as follows:

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AMENDED CLAIMS (UNMARKED VERSION):

- 34. (AMENDED) A bond pad structure, comprising:
- a semiconductor substrate;
- a plurality of conductive bond pads, comprising interlocking grid structures, formed over said semiconductor substrate;
- a passivating layer formed over said bond pads, having multiple openings to each said bond pads;
- a barrier layer formed over said passivating layer and in said openings;
- a conducting pad formed over each said bond pad and over said barrier layer, whereby an upper surface of said conductive pad provides improved adhesion for subsequently formed bonds.